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NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL RADIATION TECHNOLOGISTS BOARD

## ***FROM THE CHAIR***

There have been some changes to the Board membership and I would like to begin by thanking our retiring Board members, Beryl Kelly and Louise Tarr for their hard work and commitment to the Board. Louise served on the Board for five years, having been a member of the Professional Standards Committee and Beryl served on the Board for nine years, having been a member of Online Examinations Committee and the Registration and Recertification Review Committee, and the Chair of the Board. I would like to welcome the two new Board members, Philip Thomas (MIT) and Carol Bagnall (Son).

From September 1 2021, overseas-trained practitioners will be required to complete two Clarify Courses, replacing the legislation questionnaire, as well as the two Mauriora courses currently required – further information is outlined below. I would also like to remind employers to ensure that all potential employees are registered and hold an Annual Practising Certificate before commencing employment.

On a different note, the Board is currently undergoing a performance review of their obligations and responsibilities under section 118 of the HPCA Act 2003, by an independent reviewer, BSINZ. The results of the review will assist in strengthening the protection of the health and safety of the public and suggest any improvements in the overall performance of the Board as a regulatory authority.

**Ngā mihi,**

**Billie Mudie  
 MRTB Chair**

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### **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

*Once you are registered, you have a legal requirement to notify the Board of any changes to your residential, postal or work address within one month of the change. You can do this by logging into “My Profile” on the website.*

### **BOARD’S RESPONSIBILITY**

*The primary responsibility of the Board is to protect the health and safety of the New Zealand public by ensuring practitioners registered with the Board are competent and fit to practise.*

## Registration and APC Requirements

As an employer you need to ensure that all potential employees are registered and hold an Annual Practising Certificate (APC) before commencing employment. While it is not inappropriate for an employer to consider an offer of employment prior to a practitioner gaining registration status, it must be clear that the offer is conditional on successful registration. Employers will also need to consider that imposition of a period of supervision as a condition of registration, may well be mandated by the Board.

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## Registration Requirements for Overseas-Trained Applicants

At its meeting in June 2021, the Board determined that all new overseas-trained applicants who apply for and gain registration from **1 September 2021** and onwards must complete:

- the Mauriora Foundation Courses - *Cultural Competency (Maori)* and *Māori Healthcare & The Treaty of Waitangi* module ([www.mauriora.co.nz](http://www.mauriora.co.nz)); and
- the Clarify courses - *Obligations of Health Practitioners under the HPCA Act* and the *Health Information Privacy* ([www.clarify.co.nz](http://www.clarify.co.nz)).

All three courses must be completed within six months of commencing practice in New Zealand.

The practitioner will be issued with an Interim Practising Certificate initially and once they have completed and provided evidence of completion of the required courses, they will be issued with an Annual Practising Certificate at no additional cost.

The Clarify courses are provided through Claro Law, a leading and recognised law firm specialising in health regulation and their courses are aimed at providing the practitioner with an overview of the New Zealand health system structure and their obligations under the HPCA Act 2003.

The Clarify courses will also replace the legislation questionnaire currently set by the Board as a requirement for REA candidates.

## *Regulatory Authority Audit*

A 2019 revision of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act) mandated (section 122A) that all responsible authorities appointed under that Act will be subject to five-yearly performance reviews, with the first review having been completed by no later April 12th, 2022.

As such, the Medical Radiation Technologists Board is currently undergoing a performance review of their obligations and responsibilities under section 118 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. An independent reviewer (BSI New Zealand) has been appointed to conduct the review.

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